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**PATENT
REPLY FILED UNDER EXPEDITED
PROCEDURE PURSUANT TO
37 CFR § 1.116**


REMARKS

Claims 55, 59 – 61, 63, 65, and 67 – 68 will be pending in the application following entry of the above Amendment. In the Amendment, applicant has canceled several claims without prejudice. The examiner is hereby advised that claims of similar scope have been presented in a related application, which is a continuation-in-part of the present application. This related application was filed on April 13, 2003, and has been assigned Application No. 10/418,815.

The remaining claims, i.e., claims 55, 59 – 61, 63, 65, and 67 – 68, are believed to be in allowable condition. The art of record, including Martinez et al., Heckel and Archibald et al., fails to teach or suggest the subject matter of independent claims 55 and 63. There is simply no teaching, suggestion or motivation to combine the prior art to achieve a “pay to cheat” or “rule circumvention” gaming system including all of the features recited in Applicant’s claims. Accordingly, the examiner is respectfully urged to reconsider the application and issue a Notice of Allowance.

Should the examiner wish to discuss any aspect of the application, he is respectfully invited to call Applicant’s undersigned attorney at 206 332-1384 to resolve any outstanding issues.

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